## Williamsburg Community School District

## **Policy Guide**

SECTION:FINANCESTITLE:BUDGET PREPARATIONADOPTED:8/18/87REVISED:1/16/07

	603. BUDGET PREPARATION
1. Purpose	The Board considers preparation of an annual budget to be one of its most important responsibilities because the budget is the financial reflection of the district's educational plan. The budget shall be designed to support the educational plan in a <b>comprehensive</b> and efficient manner, to maintain <b>district</b> facilities, and to honor district obligations.
2. Authority SC 687	The Board recognizes its obligation to the taxpayers to approve only those expenses reasonably required to provide an educational program suitable to the needs and goals of this district and its students.
<ul> <li>3. Delegation of Responsibility SC 433, 601, 687</li> <li>53 P.S.</li> <li>6926.301 et seq Pol. 604</li> </ul>	In order to ensure adequate time for preparation and review of the proposed/ <b>preliminary</b> budget, the Board directs the Superintendent to present to the Board all available information associated with the budget at least 30 days prior to the <b>primary election</b> .
101.004	In preparing the budget, the responsible administrator shall set general priorities for expenditures for:
	Staff <b>necessary to</b> maintain current programs.
	Technology, equipment and supplies <b>necessary to</b> maintain current programs.
53 P.S. 6926.302	As a component of budget preparation, the Superintendent shall notify the Board of the appropriate Index to be used in limiting tax increases for the budget year.
	When presented for Board review, the proposed budget shall contain:
	Estimated revenue and expenditures in each financial category for the previous <b>fiscal</b> year.
	Estimated revenue and expenditures in each financial category for the <b>upcoming fiscal</b> year.

Amount of surplus anticipated at the end of the current <b>fiscal</b> year. Explanation of each item of expense proposed, upon request.
Relation of the estimated tax increase to the Index limitation for the district.
References:
School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 433, 601, 687
Taxpayer Relief Act – 53 P.S. Sec. 6926.301 et seq Board Policy – 604